

Agenda for the Dade Heritage Trust Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2000
DHT Headquarters

5:30: Refreshments

6:00: Business Meeting

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Executive Director's Report

"Building Bridges" Fundraiser

Grants

Miami's Historic Neighborhoods Book

President's Report

City Cemetery Service Sunday April 30th

Dade Heritage Days: Preservation Awards evening at Gusman with theatrical production of "Mouth of the River" play about the Miami River and Miami Circle

Nominating: Don Slesnick

Advocacy: George Neary

Blanca Mesa—Homestead Airport Resolution

Tours: Judy Pruitt

Newsletter and Preservationist Meetings: Dolly MacIntyre

Preservation Awards: Herb Sosa

Membership: Don MacCullough

Miami Beach's Seymour Hotel --a DHT Visitors' Center? : Herb Sosa

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!: Sunday, April 30th, 2 p.m., City Cemetery Procession and Service

Wed., May 10th, Preservation Awards, Annual Meeting to Install Officers and Trustees, and "Mouth of the River" Play at Gusman (Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception 5:30 –6:45 p.m.; awards, 7-7:45; play, 8-9:30 p.m.) DON'T MISS THIS!

**Dade Heritage Trust
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 15, 2000**

Present: J. Pruitt, George Neary, Becky Matkov, Dolly MacIntyre, Blanca Mesa, Bill Murphy, Enid Pinkney, Gene Tinney, Margaret Pelton, Herb Sosa, Rich Heisenbottle.
Absent: Don MacCullough, Tina Lane, Luis Ajamil, B.J.Smith, Patricia Allen, Joyce Kory, Randall Robinson, Jeanette Poole, Neil Robertson.

The meeting was called to order by Enid Pinkney at 6:00 pm.

Approval of the Minutes of February 16, 2000. Motion to accept: **George Neary;** Second-Margaret Pelton. Motion passed with correction by Jane Caporelli who stated she had not been present on Feb. 16.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Murphy reported that DHT had only 4 ½ months remaining at the current deficit rate and the organization must bring in more money to exist.

Herb Sosa urged the commencement of historical tours with DHT officially sanctioned tour guides and a DHT retail store to create a steady income flow for DHT. Becky reminded members of the \$19,000 grant for historical tours and website that must be used before next spring. **Margaret Pelton moved that the board pursue the concept of ongoing fund raising projects of historic tours and a store. Rich H. seconded; motion passed.**

Members volunteering for the committee were Herb Sosa, George Neary, Jane Caporelli, Enid Pickney. Judy Pruitt will call a meeting to start the action.

Herb also handed out a flyer on the Seymour Hotel on Miami Beach for consideration as a heritage center for DHT. Other possible sources of income:

- American Express—DHT has applied for \$40,000 but this has not been voted on. George Neary volunteered to call Anna Palmer to follow-up.
- Alfred Sanchez, Community Relations--Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. No word yet.
- SunTrust—next year possibly.
- Ziffs—haven't been able to contact; Dean Ziff was suggested as contact.
- Bank of America—bad timing for this year; try next year.

Enid Pinkney received an award at the Historical Museum. Dolly M. suggested more communication to board members about such events so members can support them. Enid will also be honored March 29 by the Miami Parks Dept. at Viscaya. Call 3050-755-7800 for reservations.

Nominating: Bill Murphy handed out nominations for next year's officers and proposed board. After discussion **Rich H. moved the nominating committee reconsider the nominees for the board. Jane C. seconded. Motion passed.** Bill M. will fax the nominating committee. Submitted by Judy Pruitt

***Next Meeting: April 19

Executive Director's Report for the April 19, 2000 DHT Board Meeting

Administrative:

Interviewed numerous applicants and hired Jon Neely to replace office manager Marisol McManus

Dealt with the death of office computer and purchased a second-hand one from Peters Robertson law firm

Handled arrangements for DHT's office, yard and parking spaces for African American luncheon and DHT Restoration Workshop and Open House

Supervised proofing, printing and distribution of DHDays brochures

Attended RiverDay planning meetings, helped secure tour leaders and lecturers and publicity, and worked throughout RiverDay festival

Assisted Nominating Committee in contacting Board members and writing letter for new trustees

Met with Barry Black of Historical Publishing Network re progress on **Miami's Historic Neighborhoods** book

Worked with Joan Thompson and committee on seating and logistics for Deering Estate fundraiser

Met with Dawn Terrick and Neil Fritz to plan Preservation Awards evening at Gusman and heritage tourism initiative for downtown

Worked with Phillip Church of FIU Drama Department to coordinate plans for *Mouth of the River* play at DHT Preservation Awards evening at Gusman

Fundraising:

Secured grant of \$7500 from McIntosh Foundation

Secured \$2500 from Swire Properties

Wrote revised request to Dade Community Foundation for DHT to be allowed to keep \$2500 of the \$5500 cemetery fence grant, which was approved

Met with Neil Fritz and Sheila Austin re applying for a Miami-Dade Tourism Development grant

Discussed a possible grant with the Women's Fund for our Women's Heritage Trail tour

Handled budgeting issues related to Building Bridges fundraiser

Began writing state grant reports for restoration workshop grant and heritage tourism grant

Public Relations and Marketing:

Dealt with the mayor's office and sponsors, planned the program, welcomed guests and coordinated the presentations at DHT "Building Bridges" fundraiser

Spoke at County Commission in behalf of \$1 million funding for the Miami Circle by the Metropolitan Planning Organization

Wrote press releases and delivered with photos to media following Deering fundraiser

Wrote press releases re State Bureau of Historic Preservation grant for heritage tourism And for Miami Circle/Brickell Park tours and restoration workshops

Wrote article for **Entertainment News and Views**

Gave presentation on Dade Heritage Days to Miami Medical Forum at Coral Reef

Attended Governor's Council for Sustainable Florida Board meeting

Gave speech re history and demolition of Sears building and future use of saved Sears Tower at ceremony to inaugurate Performing Arts Center construction

Took photos for use by media and our magazine of RiverDay and Women's History luncheon at DHT

Secured plans for Brickell Park for tours and media releases

Met with Aureo Cardona of Crescendo, Inc. re his plans for a Miami River development

Attended Dade Heritage Days evening event featuring Everglades artist Phillip Mann at the Miami Beach Botanical Garden

Attended the Dade Heritage Days' Villager Hunt

Attended "In the Company of Women" awards at Vizcaya to honor DHT President Enid Pinkney

Attended Dade Heritage Days' event of the Memorabilia Club at Riviera Presbyterian to look for photos for book

Met with artist Adrienne Goyette re cover for book and with artist Carol Garvin

President's Report
April 19, 2000

March 18, 2000-Attended Building Bridges Gala, and functioned
March 20,-Attended African American Committee, worked on plans for
Commemorative Service April 30, 2000, in City Cemetery.
March 22- Honored at Van E. Blanton Elementary School for Woman's History
Month.
March 23- Essay Contest Committee met at Horace Mann Middle School
March 25-Bicentennial Park preservation project
March 27-African American Committee's Woman' History Luncheon Honoring
the Women of the James and Claudia Roberts Family
March 28- Met with Jorge Hernandez concerning Virginia Key proposal. Athalie
Range and Becky Matkov also in attendance.
March 29-Honored at Viscaya Museum and Gardens by Dade County Parks, "In
the Company of Women"
April 3-5. In Tallahassee representing the Virginia Key Task Force for Survey and
Planning Proposal ,seeking funds for Virginia Beach. It was recommended to the
Secretary of State that the City be given \$12,500.00 for Surveying and Planning
for Virginia Key Beach.
April 13- Open House and preservation workshop by Christopher Eck
April 14, Conference with Lena Blanco, City of Miami who explained that the City
did not have money to pay for the pick-up and return of Chairs for the
Commemorative Service.

Wrote news release for Commemoratice Service and Faxed it to News media

Conference with Penny McCrae of the Miami Herald's Action Line
Letter from Mr. Calvin Marks to Action Line requesting help in getting the Mt.
Zion Baptist Church Bell to ring was referred to D.H.T. We are seeking help for
them. If the Bell is fixed, the church has agreed to toll the bell prior to the
beginning of the Procession for the Commemorative Service.

Conference with Cynthia Perry, St. John Baptist Baptist Church CDC re Overtown
and participation in Commemorative Service

Other Overtown leaders contacted and faxed information were Father Leroy
Lloyd, President of the Overtown Advisory Committee, Irby McKnight, and Jackie
Bell

Assets

Current Assets		
Miami Circle Acct	\$ 20,677.29	*
Florida Lighthouse	11034.81	*
DHT Operating Acct.	32482.89	*
DHT Mutual Fund		
Prepaid Expenses	1256.89	
Total Current Assets	\$ 65,451.88	
Property & Equipment	\$ 25,463.00	
Accumulated Depreciation	(23128.00)	
	2335.00	
Other Assets	100.00	
Deposits		
Total Other Assets	0.00	
Total Assets	\$ 67,886.88	

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Current Liabilities		
Refundable Advances:	\$ 13,715.14	*
(Miami Historic Neighborhoods)		
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 13,715.14	
Long-Term Liabilities	0.00	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	0.00	
Total Liabilities	\$ 13,715.14	
Fund Balances		
Fund Balance - Unrestricted funds	\$ 44,171.74	
Temporary Restricted Funds	10000.00	
Total Fund Balances	\$ 54,171.74	
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$ 67,886.88	

DHT's Operating Account
04/18/00

Reconciliation Summary

BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:		18,042.68
Checks and Payments	38 Items	-38,828.76
Deposits and Other Credits	16 Items	53,268.97
Service Charge	1 Item	-10.00
Interest Earned	1 Item	0.83
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		32,482.89

YOUR RECORDS – UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:		32,482.89
Checks and Payments	24 Items	-4,097.96
Deposits and Other Credits	13 Items	15,806.70
Register Balance as of 04/18/00:		44,191.63
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Ending Balance:		44,182.46

Reconciliation Report

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DHT's Operating Account
04/18/00

Uncleared Transaction Detail up to 03/31/00

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
Uncleared Checks and Payments						
03/09/00	1793	Mariachi Mexico International	25% dep. for gala band	5830/009		-65.00
03/09/00	1794	Mariachi Mexico International	Balance for gala band	5830/009		-195.00
03/10/00	1802	Becky Matkov	expenses	5840/009		-83.96
03/15/00	1808	Tim Cor, Inc.	Ads MetroRail	5800/009		-362.10
03/17/00	1812	Jamaica Awarness, Inc.	Band For gala	5830/009		-275.00
03/21/00	1819	Entertainment News And Views	Dade Heritage Days Ad	5800/009		-275.00
03/21/00	1822	Office Depot	Office Supplies	6310/036		-58.13
03/21/00	1824	AT&T	Long Distance Service	6320/036		-21.91
03/21/00	1830	Pitney Bowes Credit Corporation	Postage Mach. Rental	6610/036		-222.69
03/21/00	1831	ZC Insurance Company	Workers Comp.	5700/036		-54.00
03/24/00	1833	The City Of Miami	Parking for Luncheon	6200/009		-30.00
03/31/00	1837	Deborah Tackett	film for luncheon	5850/009		-13.51
03/31/00	1838	Vizcaya	Award Ceremony	5840/036		-25.00
Total Uncleared Checks and Payments				13 Items		-1,681.30
Uncleared Deposits and Other Credits						
02/14/00	1776	Void				0.00
02/16/00	1784	Void				0.00
03/13/00	1803	Void				0.00
3/13/00	1804	Void				0.00
03/13/00	1806	Void				0.00
03/21/00	1834	Void				0.00
03/24/00	1835	Void				0.00
03/31/00	1839	Void				0.00
Total Uncleared Deposits and Other Credits				8 Items		0.00
Total Uncleared Transactions				21 Items		-1,681.30

Cape Florida Lighthouse
04/18/00

Reconciliation Summary

BANK STATEMENT – CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:		11,070.44
Checks and Payments	1 Item	-45.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Service Charge	0 Items	0.00
Interest Earned	1 Item	9.37
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		11,025.44

YOUR RECORDS – UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:		11,025.44
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Balance as of 04/18/00:		11,025.44
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Ending Balance:		11,034.81

Save our Circle
04/18/00

Reconciliation Summary

BANK STATEMENT – CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Previous Balance:		20,674.42
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Service Charge	0 Items	0.00
Interest Earned	1 Item	2.87
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:		20,674.42

YOUR RECORDS – UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:

Cleared Balance:		20,674.42
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Balance as of 04/18/00:		20,674.42
Checks and Payments	0 Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0 Items	0.00
Register Ending Balance:		20,677.29

Profit & Loss Statement
03/01/00 Through 03/31/00

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Category Description	03/01/00- 03/31/00
INCOME	
3000-Grants	25,564.00
3100-Membership Dues	1,235.00
3200-Donations	24,946.82
3350-Advertising Income	700.00
3400-Publication Sales	723.15
3600-Other Income	100.00
3901-Investment/Dividend Income	0.83
TOTAL INCOME	53,269.80
EXPENSES	
5000-Salary Expenses	7,665.28
5115-DHT Meetings - catering	7,927.34
5300-Repairs & Maintenance	111.29
5700-Insurance	54.00
5800-Advertising & Promotion	2,970.60
5810-Printing	12,359.42
5830-Special & Fundraising Events: Expenses/Catering/Spkrs	1,160.00
5840-Seminars/Conferences/Meetings	72.31
5850-Photography, Signs & Banners	1,226.37
5850.009-Photography, Signs, Banners	841.80
5999-Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00
6010-Payroll Taxes	2,436.07
6015-Medical Insurance	600.00
6200-Vehicles Expense	476.65
6300-Payroll Processing Service	80.00
6310-Office Supplies	82.82
6320-Telephone	21.91
6330-Dues & Subscriptions	438.00
6510-Books, Magazines & Publications	25.00
6521-Credit Card discount fee - membership sales	3.47
6550-Interest Expense	6.57
6610-Equipment - Lease & Maintenance	457.69
6810-Postage	211.00
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	39,327.59
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	13,942.21

Monthly Budget Report
03/01/00 Through 03/31/00

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Category Description	03/01/00 Actual	Budget	03/31/00 Difference
INCOME			
3000-Grants	25,564.00	5,833.00	19,731.00
3100-Membership Dues	1,235.00	2,916.00	-1,681.00
3200-Donations	24,946.82	1,666.00	23,280.82
3300-Administration Fees	0.00	166.00	-166.00
3350-Advertising Income	700.00	500.00	200.00
3400-Publication Sales	723.15	729.00	-5.85
3450-Merchandise Sales	0.00	166.00	-166.00
3500-Meeting/Event Income	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00
3510-Tours Income	0.00	41.00	-41.00
3550-Sponsorship Donation	0.00	1,666.00	-1,666.00
3600-Other Income	100.00	291.00	-191.00
3900-Interest Income	0.00	12.50	-12.50
3901-Investment/Dividend Income	0.83	125.00	-124.17
3999-Reimbursement Expenses	0.00	8.00	-8.00
TOTAL INCOME	53,269.80	16,619.50	36,650.30
EXPENSES			
5000-Salary Expenses	7,665.28	7,275.00	-390.28
5100-Supplies	0.00	20.00	20.00
5115-DHT Meetings - catering	7,927.34	83.00	-7,844.34
5120-Merchandise Purchase	0.00	83.00	83.00
5200-Design and Layout	0.00	125.00	125.00
5300-Repairs & Maintenance	111.29	208.00	96.71
5400-Permits & Licenses	0.00	100.00	100.00
5450-Waste Removal	0.00	83.00	83.00
5500-Contract Services	0.00	100.00	100.00
5600-Utilities	0.00	150.00	150.00
5700-Insurance	54.00	683.00	629.00
5710-Accountant Fees	0.00	250.00	250.00
5750-Professional/Legal Fees	0.00	62.50	62.50
5800-Advertising & Promotion	2,970.60	2,075.00	-895.60
5810-Printing	12,359.42	250.00	-12,109.42
5820-Awards/Prizes & Gifts	0.00	150.00	150.00
5830-Special & Fundraising Events: Expenses/Catering/Spkrs	1,160.00	1,195.00	35.00
5840-Seminars/Conferences/Meetings	72.31	250.00	177.69
5850-Photography, Signs & Banners	1,226.37	125.00	-1,101.37
5850.009-Photography, Signs, Banners	841.80	0.00	-841.80
5990-Misc. Licensing & Tax	0.00	41.00	41.00
5999-Miscellaneous Expenses	100.00	41.00	-59.00
6010-Payroll Taxes	2,436.07	583.00	-1,853.07
6015-Medical Insurance	600.00	375.00	-225.00
6200-Vehicles Expense	476.65	25.00	-451.65
6300-Payroll Processing Service	80.00	79.00	-1.00
6310-Office Supplies	82.82	291.00	208.18
6320-Telephone	21.91	333.00	311.09
6330-Dues & Subscriptions	438.00	100.00	-338.00
6340-Meeting/Event Equipment Rental	0.00	125.00	125.00
6500-Bank Charges	0.00	8.00	8.00
6510-Books, Magazines & Publications	25.00	16.00	-9.00
6520-Credit Card Discount Fees	0.00	33.00	33.00

Monthly Budget Report
03/01/00 Through 03/31/00

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Category Description	03/01/00 Actual	Budget	03/31/00 Difference
6521-Credit Card discount fee - membership sales	3.47	20.00	16.53
6550-Interest Expense	6.57	0.00	-6.57
6610-Equipment - Lease & Maintenance	457.69	333.00	-124.69
6710-Vehicle Insurance	0.00	12.00	12.00
6810-Postage	211.00	458.00	247.00
6830-Travel (Transportation & Lodging)	0.00	250.00	250.00
6840-Alarm Monitoring	0.00	58.00	58.00
6930-Equipment purchases	0.00	166.00	166.00
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 39,327.59	 16,614.50	 -22,713.09
 TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	 13,942.21	 5.00	 13,937.21

City commissioner helps save choking woman

BY AJOWA NZINGA IFATEYO
ajifateyo@herald.com

Opa-locka City Commissioner Bobby Bradley was hailed as a hero this past week after he used the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge a large pill from a woman's throat at the Opa-locka Diner.



BRADLEY

Lola Martin, 77, had left church at about 10:45 a.m. Sunday and gone with her friend Roscella LaVerity to the diner at 14511 NW 27th Ave. for boiled fish and grits.

Bradley and former Opa-locka Mayor Albert Tresvant sat near them in the front of the restaurant.

A problem developed when Martin began to take prescription medication.

"It wouldn't go down," Martin, who lives in Bunche Park, said on Monday. "I couldn't

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breathe like I should've."

LaVerity started yelling: "Help her, she can't breathe."

Somebody in the restaurant used a cellular phone to call 911. Meanwhile, customers felt powerless.

"Nobody knew what to do," Tresvant said.

Bradley did.

"I lifted her up and first started pumping her stomach," he said. "Then I gave her three

sharp blows." A pill popped out, according to other customers.

Martin coughed and then said, "It hurts."

Once she started talking, Bradley said, he knew she would be OK.

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue arrived within five minutes and checked Martin out.

Bradley said he learned the technique in 1978 when he was a student at Florida Memorial College in North Dade. In the maneuver, which dislodges

objects from the windpipe, a fist is used below the rib cage to force air out of the lungs with a hard upward thrust. Bradley used it on his father in 1982, he said.

On Monday, Bradley said he was glad to help Martin. "I'm just happy she's OK," he said.

Martin said she was touched by Bradley's fast action.

"He jumped up and came over," she said. "He was very kind. I appreciate it."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MIAMI-DADE PARKS

IN GOOD COMPANY: Miami-Dade Parks volunteer Olympia Dymant, left, pins a corsage on Rosetta Vickers, an honoree at the 12th annual In the Company of Women awards presentation March 29.

17 honorees receive award from In Company of Women

Seventeen women from diverse walks of life and professions were honored for their contributions to the community during the 12th annual In the Company of Women awards presentation at the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens.

The honorees were:

► Joy Bruce, professor of pathology and neurosurgery at the University of Miami School of Medicine

► Evelyn Cohan, chairwoman of the board of the Mental Health Association of

Miami-Dade County

► Maria Garza, director of the South Dade Skill Center

► Dorothy Powell Lee, president of the Miami/Bahamas Goombay Festival

► Shaloma Shawmut-Lessner, vice president for development with the National Women's Political Caucus

► Gepsie Morisset Metellus, director of public affairs in the office of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Barbara Carey-Shuler

► Edith G. Osman, president

of the Florida Bar

► Enid Pinkney, president of Dade Heritage Trust

► Nancy Rivera, program administrator with the Open Door HIV/AIDS project at Community Services of South Dade.

► Marilyn Hodder-Salmon, founder of Women Studies at Florida International University

► Leah Simms, assistant U.S. Attorney with the Southern District of Florida

► Pamela Stack, director of

PIONEER HONORED: Enid Pinkney, right, president of Dade Heritage Trust, receives a pioneer award from Vivian Donnell Rodriguez, interim director of Miami-Dade Parks, at the 12th annual In the Company of Women awards presentation on March 29.

the Save A Life Campaign

► Nilda Velazquez, president and founder of KIDCO Child Care.

► Rosetta Vickers, founder and director of the Zeta Royal Community Center.

Three of the honorees were recognized posthumously: Elaine Gordon, former state legislator; Girthia Williams-

Hart, longtime Miami-Dade public school educator; and Nora Swan, co-founder and former president of the Miami Film Festival.

More than 300 people attended the presentation. Miami-Dade County Mayor Alex Penelas proclaimed March 29 "In the Company of Women Day."



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March 25, 2000

Ms. Charisse Grant, Director of programs
Dade Community Foundation
200 South Biscayne Boulevard
Suite 505
Miami, FL. 33131-2343

Dear Charisse,

The Dade Heritage Trust is glad to be able to report—at last!—that we have secured more than enough to meet the Dade Community Foundation challenge grant of \$5500 for the protective fence for the City of Miami Cemetery. We appreciate your patience and understanding in our taking so long to complete this project.

As you can see from the attached, the City of Miami has allocated \$105,105 toward the purchase and installation of an eight-foot, steel picket security fence. This association was the result of much persistent advocacy and monitoring of city progress on the part of Dade Heritage Trust staff, board members and volunteers. We worked closely with the City of Miami's Parks Department to invigorate a stalled bidding process and were very involved in the designing and planning of the fence to ensure that it is attractive and appropriately configured.

Our Dade Heritage Trust Cemetery Task Force Chairman, Penny Lambeth, has worked tirelessly on this project. She even searched out the owner of the debris-filled lot adjoining the Cemetery---(it was the corporate owner of Fisher Island!)---and succeeded in shaming them into cleaning up their litter and garbage so it would not detract from the beauty of the soon-to-be installed fence. The task force has also energized several hundred volunteers to clean the grounds, scrub the tombstones and plant more than \$20,000 worth of donated flowering trees and shrubs in the Cemetery. Our annual Dade Heritage Days' African-American Cemetery Commemorative Service will be held April 30th in a cemetery that is vastly improved from three years ago.

Since we have succeeded in raising enough from the City for the actual fence construction, Dade Heritage Trust would like to spend \$3000 of this \$5500 grant to upgrade the gates of the fence to make them more ornamental, and we would like to request that we be allowed to allocate \$2500 for our ongoing efforts to oversee and monitor the installation of the fence and maintenance of the City Cemetery.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Becky Roper Matkov
Executive Director

City of Miami

ALBERTO RUDER
Director



DONALD H. WARSHAW
City Manager

March 29, 2000

Mrs. Becky Matkov
Executive Director
Dade Heritage Trust
190 S.E. 12th Terrace
Miami, FL 33131

Dear Becky,

This letter verifies that the City of Miami Department of Parks and Recreation, with support from Dade Heritage Trust, will expend approximately \$105,105, toward the purchase and installation of an eight-foot steel picket fence around historic Miami City Cemetery. The fence is currently under construction and is projected to be completed within forty-five (45) days.

Should you require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Ruder".

Alberto Ruder, Director
Department of Parks and Recreation

AR/vh

c: Penny Lambeth
Chairperson, City Cemetery Committee

April 4, 2000 Speech at the "Shake Rattle and Roll" Demolition Ceremony of the Sears Building and the Commencement of the Work which will preserve the Sears Tower as a Landmark of the Performing Arts Center

by Becky Roper Matkov

This is a long awaited day. We have all looked forward to the construction of a beautiful Performing Arts Center, with great expectations for a golden age of the arts in Miami to ensue. And it is exciting to celebrate the rebirth of this part of Biscayne Boulevard.

Biscayne Boulevard's first great beginning was over 71 years ago—in 1929 when this very Sears Building opened. According to architectural writer Beth Dunlop, over 6000 people traveled here that day just for that event. Miami had been through a lot during those years. The city had been devastated by the Killer Hurricane of 1926, and then suffered through the collapse of the 1920s real estate boom and the 1929 stock market crash. But then, as now, Miami's many problems didn't stop it from forging ahead. And as a vote of confidence in Miami's future, Sears Roebuck agreed to be the anchor for the Biscayne Boulevard Company's new upscale shopping area—located right here. The Chicago firm of Nimmons, Carr and Wright designed this Sears store as an avant-garde showcase for a prestigious uptown neighborhood. Towers were the symbol of Sears stores during that era, and for Miami's Sears Tower, the architects chose a new style—Art Deco, with decorative filigree and bas-relief ziggurats. The Sears Tower was the first commercial use of Art Deco in Miami, preceding the many Art Deco buildings—now so famous and familiar to the world—that were constructed in the 1930s and 40s on Miami Beach. This Sears was built on a traffic circle—now long gone—that was criss-crossed by trolleys, cars and buses connecting the mainland to Miami Beach. And the focal point of that beautifully landscaped intersection was the Sears Tower.

Thus today's gathering to demolish most of the Sears Building is bittersweet for preservationists. As I was going through Dade Heritage Trust's thick files on the Sears, I thumbed through almost twenty years worth of effort and eloquence in behalf of saving the Sears Building for posterity.

As long ago as

In 1982, encouraged by preservationists like Arva Parks and Howard Kleinberg and Barbara Capitman, even I—a relative newcomer to Miami at the time, gave a speech at the Miami City Commission to save the Sears building from eminent destruction. Not because it was the oldest, or grandest or most architecturally dazzling, but because it was an important part of Miami's history—And each time a quirky old building is leveled, Miami's heritage is depleted. We need visual reminders of the past to give us a sense of continuity with all those movers and shakers, artists and architects, politicians and dreamers, brilliant and crazy and fascinating people who preceded us. To a preservationist, a building's always better the second time around.

Which is why today is also a time to celebrate. Thanks to the dedication and persistence of pesky preservationists who just wouldn't give up and go away—and thanks to the support of the Miami-Dade County Commission—and thanks to Michael Spring and the Cultural Affairs staff—and thanks to the leadership of Parker Thompson and the members of the Performing Arts Center Trust—the Sears Tower has been incorporated into the design of this exciting new Performing Arts Center. When renovated and refurbished, the Sears Tower will be a one-of-a-kind restaurant and interpretive center, with historic exhibits funded by the State Bureau of Historic Preservation—and now that I think of it—it will be a perfect starting point for historic tours of the entire area.

We commend you all for recognizing that tying in an old landmark with a new landmark adds a richness not only to the structure itself but to the texture of our urban fabric. We thank you for ensuring that though we lose the Sears Building, the Sears Tower will still remain on Biscayne Boulevard, serving as a landmark of Miami's twentieth century past, and a beacon to its twenty-first century future.

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March 22, 2000

Mr. Fernando J. Suco
Secretary & Fund Raising Chair
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Dear Mr. Suco,

On behalf of Dade Heritage Trust, Miami-Dade County's largest historic preservation organization, I want to offer our enthusiastic support for the restoration and preservation of the Glenn Hammond Curtiss residence as an historic landmark for the State of Florida.

The Curtiss Mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Sites, is incredibly important both locally and nationally. It is the former home of Glenn Curtiss, a world-famous aviator and developer who built Hialeah, Miami Springs and Opa-locka in the 1920s.

This Pueblo-style house, which has barely survived vandalism, neglect and arson, is on Dade Heritage Trust's list of "10 Most Endangered Historic Sites" in Miami-Dade County. We are delighted to see the efforts now being made by the nonprofit organization, Curtiss Mansion, Inc., to save this treasure for posterity.

We look forward to working with you in any way we can to bring new life to this fascinating historic site.

Sincerely,

Becky Roper Matkov
Executive Director